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1. The information disclosure statement filed 3/16/10 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Because a Notice of Allowance was mailed on 3/08/10 and the IDS was not received until 3/16/10, applicant must comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(d) rather than 1.97(c).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Keenan whose telephone number is 571-272-6925. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saul Rodriguez can be reached on 571-272-7097. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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